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SUBJ: THE SECRETARY'S VISIT

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1. WHEN MORAN AND LITTREL ARRIVED, I CALLED HEGNER AND HE ASKED US TO CALL ON HIM CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS. OTHER THAN LOGISTICS, HEGNER HAD TWO SECURITY QUESTIONS ON HIS MIND:

1) TIME OF PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT; AND 2) TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORT TO DOLDER.

2. REGARDING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT, HEGNER SAID SWISS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF IT COULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL ABOUT WEDNESDAY. HE EXPLAINED THAT LEFTIST AND/OR ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN ELEMENTS ARE LESS WELL ORGANIZED IN ZURICH THAN IN A PLACE LIKE GENEVA AND MIGHT REQUIRE SEVERAL DAYS TO CRANK UP SIGNIFICANT PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS. THE LATER THE ANNOUNCEMENT, HEGNER SAID, THE LESS SIGNIFICANT THE DEMONSTRATIONS MAY BE. HEGNER PROMISED THAT HE WOULD INFORM US OF ANY PRESS INQUIRIES WITHIN MINUTES IF THE STORY SHOULD BEGIN TO LEAK HERE.

3. SWISS ARE ANXIOUS THAT ANY ANNOUNCEMENT BE SIMULTANEOUS IN THE THREE CAPITALS AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT OF WHAT WE PROPOSE TO SAY.

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4. I TOLD HEGNER THAT I WAS CONFIDENT DEPARTMENT WOULD

BE IN FULL SYMPATHY WITH CONSIDERATIONS HE RAISED, BUT
I COULD NOT OF COURSE GUAGE THE PRESSURES WASHINGTON
OR PRETORIA MIGHT BE UNDER.

5. FYI. REGARDING TRANSPORT FROM KLOTEN AIRPORT TO
THE DOLDER, HEGNER SAID THE SWISS AUTHORITIES WOULD
STRONGLY PREFER TO MAKE SWISS HELICOPTERS AVAILABLE FOR
THE TRIP TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT RATHER THAN HAVE TO
CONTENT WITH A LONG MOTORCADE OVER THE ROUTE INVOLVED.
SWISS HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT'S FLYING-IN
THE SECRETARY'S ARMORED VEHICLE, BUT THEIR PREFERENCE
FOR HELICOPTER TRANSPORT FOR THE PRINCIPALS REMAINS
STRONG REGARDLESS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF AN ARMORED CAR.
THE SWISS ARE MUCH MORE RELAXED ABOUT ANY DESIRE THE
SECRETARY OR MRS KISSINGER MIGHT HAVE TO DRIVE IN OR
AROUND ZURICH DURING THE COURSE OF THE STAY.

6. MORAN AND LITTREL TELL ME THEY WILL RAISE THE
HELICOPTER QUESTION WITH THE SECRET SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES
ON ARRIVAL AND RESOLVE IT THROUGH THOSE CHANNELS.
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